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1. [REDACTED]  
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2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AT THE PUCHUNCAVI DETENTION CENTER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT 90 OF THE 170 POLITICAL PRISONERS AT THE  
CAMP HAD DECLARED A HUNGER STRIKE, WHICH WOULD BEGIN ON  
2 AUGUST. THE STRIKE WAS LED BY ELEMENTS OF THE SOCIALIST  
PART (PS) AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) TO

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A. EXPRESS SOLIDARITY AND CONCERN OVER THE 119 CHILEAN EXTREMISTS, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAVE DISAPPEARED OR BEEN KILLED MAINLY IN ARGENTINA. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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B. PROTEST THE LACK OF MOVEMENT ON JUDICIAL PROCESSING FOR THE PRISONERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) AT THE CAMP REFUSED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE HUNGER STRIKE. THIS ATTITUDE HAS CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF INTERNAL DISSENSION AMONG THE PRISONERS.

3. MILITARY LEADERS AT THE CAMP REPORTEDLY INFORMED THE PRISONERS THAT ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CAMP, THEY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE LEADERS OF THE STRIKE.

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF (EMDN) SENT AN INVESTIGATIONS TEAM TO THE CAMP [REDACTED] THE TEAM REPORTED BACK THAT NO HUNGER STRIKE WAS BEING CONDUCTED. THE [REDACTED] PRESS REPORTED THAT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE

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ALLEGED HUNGER STRIKE BECAUSE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER  
WAS UNDER WAY.)

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SAID THAT  
DESPITE THE MILITARY'S THREAT TO EXECUTE HUNGER STRIKE  
LEADERS, THE STRIKE WAS UNDERWAY. SAID THAT BOTH THE  
MIR AND THE PS IN SANTIAGO ARE NOW TRYING TO ORGANIZE A  
"SIT-IN" AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE TO DRAW PRESS  
ATTENTION TO PUCHUNCAVI. PARTICIPANTS IN THE SIT-IN WOULD  
BE DRAWN FROM THE FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN, OF THOSE  
ON STRIKE AT PUCHUNCAVI. THE SIT-IN WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE  
LAWN IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE AND WOULD BE COMPLETELY PEACEFUL.

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COMMENT: THE PRESS OF 8 AUGUST REPORTED  
THAT ACCORDING TO A BULLETIN FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR,  
THE SITUATION AT PUCHUNCAVI HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL, WHICH  
SEEMS TO REPRESENT A TACIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT A HUNGER  
STRIKE EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE. THE PRESS ARTICLE MENTIONED  
THAT THE REASON FOR THE STRIKE HAD BEEN TO DEMAND INFORMATION

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ON THE ULTIMATE DESTINY OF THE 119 EXTREMISTS IN ARGENTINA.)

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